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Inmate Death at FCI Butner Medium I

BUTNER, NC: On Monday, July 28, 2025, at approximately 7:00 a.m., Darrell Wayne Lunsford was found with perceived life-threatening injuries at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Butner Medium I, in Butner, North Carolina.

Responding employees initiated life-saving measures. Emergency medical services (EMS) were requested while life-saving efforts continued. While being prepared for transport to a local hospital by EMS, Mr. Lunsford became unresponsive and was subsequently pronounced deceased by medical personnel.

No employees or other incarcerated individuals were injured and at no time was the public in danger.

Mr. Lunsford was a 56-year-old male who was a pretrial inmate at FCI Butner Medium I for a court-ordered evaluation for competency. He had been in custody at FCI Butner Medium I since June 04, 2025.

FCI Butner Medium I is a medium security facility.

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